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SUBJECT: ARMS ACQUISITION BY PERU

1. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH FORMER DCM BARNEBEY AND PERU DESK OFFICER FULLER SEPTEMBER 7, CAPTAIN VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS - IN US UNDER INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM - STATED THAT PURCHASE OF 36 SU-22S BY PERU HAD BEEN APPROVED ("APROBADO") BY GOP, AND THAT FIRST 12 WOULD BE DELIVERED TO PERU "BY THE END OF THIS YEAR." MONTESINOS WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT REACTION IN US MIGHT BE TO HIS GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACQUISITION. TOLD OF THE ADVERSE EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE IN CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE, MONTESINOS SPECULATED ON EFFECT OF CAREFUL TIMING OF GOP ANNOUNCEMENT - AFTER US CONGRESS HAD ADJOURNED, AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS COMPLETED, ETC. MONTESINOS ALSO WONDERED ALOUD HOW US PRIVATE BANKERS WOULD REACT TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WHETHER THEY WOULD WITHHOLD LOANS WHICH PERU NEEDS ON

THIS ACCOUNT.

2. INFORMED BY FULLER OF THE DELETION OF THE DESTROYER FOR PERU FROM THE SHIP TRANSFER LEGISLATION SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION THERE TO ADDITIONAL ARMAMENTS FOR PERU, MONTESINOS REMARKED THAT PERU MIGHT NOW ABANDON ITS PLANS TO ENLARGE DESTROYER FLEET AND INSTEAD

ACQUIRE MISSILE PATROL BOATS. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION THE SIX I-500 CRAFT WHICH PERU WISHES TO PURCHASE FROM US UNDER FMS BUT INSTEAD MENTIONED THE SOVIET OSA-CLASS PATROL BOATS AS ALTERNATIVE TO ADDITIONAL DESTROYERS.

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